



TOWN OF VERNON

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OFFICE OF THE
LOCAL HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION

Minutes – Regular Meeting – December 12, 2013

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1.0 Chairman Hurd called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM at the Vernon Historical Society. Members present were Hurd, Saucier, Nicholson and Nelson. Quinn arrived during the meeting. Nicholson sat for Iacobello who was absent. Also present were Shaun Gately, Economic Development Coordinator and Patricia Larensen.

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.1 Regular Meeting November 14, 2013. The minutes were approved as presented with a motion made by Saucier, seconded by Nelson and voted in the affirmative with Nicholson abstaining.

3.0 Communications

3.1 Letter from Mayor Dan Champagne – see below: 5.3

Richard Quinn entered the meeting.

4.0 Review of the PZC, ZBA, and Demolition Applications

4.1 Waiver of Demolition Delay – 28 Mountain Street, Rockville (continued from 11/14/2013) A letter has been received from Central Mass Contracting Company on behalf of the owner Wells Fargo Mortgage. An engineering study will be done to review the structural condition of the building.

4.2 Other New Applications as required – None have been received

5.0 Unfinished Business

5.1 Design Guidelines for Historic Districts and Properties – distribution is in progress for the remaining owners on Main Street.

5.2 Study of the Strong Farm, War Memorial Tower and Hockanum Company House – No report.

5.3 Commission Membership – Clarification of Carol Nelson's status - A letter was received from Mayor Dan Champagne clarifying the legal status of member Carol Nelson who has a permanent part-time position but is not a salaried municipal employee. Therefore, she is entitled to remain a member of the Committee.

5.4 Rockville Village District Overlay Zone – The write-up has been received and the proposal looks good. A public hearing will be held on December 19, 2013 with possible action taken that night. An applicant is concerned about the limited width requirement for driveways as it may affect deliveries. Parking was discussed. A motion was made by Quinn seconded by Saucier and approved to send a letter of support for the Rockville Village District Overlay Zone from the LHPC to the PZC with the recommendations. The motion was approved with Nicholson abstaining.

5.5 Talcottville Village District landscaping – Richard Quinn reported that he met at the site with Parks Director Bruce Dinnie and the gardener and discussed its problems. They have agreed to bring in fill and correct the problems with the flower bed.

6.0 New Business

6.1 Schedule of Meetings for 2014. A motion was made by Nicholson, seconded by Saucier and unanimously voted to approve the setting of the meeting dates for 2014 as presented: the second Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Vernon Historical Society, 734 Hartford Tpke, Vernon.

7.0 The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM. Motion made by Quinn, seconded by Nicholson and unanimously approved.

~~DRAFT FOR APPROVAL~~

Carol S. Nelson, Secretary

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Date Approved:

Jan. 9, 2014